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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 15, 2003 (Paper No. 23), and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

Enclosed herewith is a Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

This paper includes:

Amendments to the Specification beginning on page 2;

Amendments to the Claims reflected in the list of claims beginning on page 3;

Remarks beginning on page 5; and

Exhibits 1 & 2 beginning after page 14, which include Exhibit 1 (Declaration of Dr. Kleinschmidt under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 dated August 28, 2003) and Exhibit 2 (Second Declaration of Dr. Kleinschmidt under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 dated September 25, 2003).